

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A recording apparatus for recording a content which is a digital copyrighted work onto a recording medium, comprising:

a content obtainment unit operable to obtain a content provided externally;

a content ~~type~~image quality identification unit operable to identify a ~~type~~an image quality of the obtained content;

a recording medium type identification unit operable to identify a type of the recording medium;

~~— a recording method selection unit operable to select at least one recording method out of a plurality of recording methods based on the type of the content identified by the content type identification unit and the type of the recording medium identified by the recording medium type identification unit; and~~

a recording unit operable to record the content onto the recording medium according to ~~the selected recording~~one of a plurality of recording copyright protection method methods, wherein each of the copyright methods protects a content using at least one of an encryption and a signature, and has a different security level, and

wherein, the security level of each of the plurality of copyright protection methods and the image quality of the content are associated with each other such that a higher security level is associated with a higher image quality of the content, and

when the type of the recording medium identified by the recording medium type identification unit is compliant with the plurality of copyright protection methods, the recording unit records the content on the recording medium according to one of the plurality of copyright protection methods having a security level corresponding to the image quality of the content identified by the content image quality identification unit, from the plurality of the copyright protection methods compliant with the recording medium identified by the recording medium type identification unit.

2. (Cancelled)

3. **(Original)** The recording apparatus according to Claim 1,  
wherein the recording medium type identification unit identifies the type of the  
recording medium according to a type of information previously stored in a non-rewritable area  
of the recording medium.

4. **(Cancelled)**

5. **(Currently Amended)** The recording apparatus according to Claim 1, further  
comprising  
~~wherein the recording method selection unit further selects~~a copyright protection method  
selection unit operable to select said the one recording~~copyright protection~~ method out of the  
plurality of ~~recording~~copyright protection methods based on an instruction from a provider of the  
content,  
wherein the recording unit records the content according to the copyright protection  
method selected by the copyright protection method selection unit.

6. **(Currently Amended)** The recording apparatus according to Claim 1,  
wherein the content includes specification information for specifying ~~said the one~~  
~~recording~~copyright protection method out of the plurality of ~~copyright protection~~recording  
~~methods; methods,~~ and  
the recording apparatus further comprises a  
~~the recording method selection unit further selects~~copyright protection method selection  
unit operable to select said the one copyright protection~~recording~~ method out of the plurality of  
copyright protection~~recording~~ methods based on the specification information included in the  
content,  
wherein the recording unit records the content according to the copyright protection  
method selected by the copyright protection method selection unit.

7. **(Currently Amended)** The recording apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising a wherein the recording method selection unit further selects copyright protection method selection unit operable to select said the one recording copyright protection method out of the plurality of recording methods based on an instruction by a user,  
wherein the recording unit records the content according to the copyright protection method selected by the copyright protection method selection unit.

8-9. **(Cancelled)**

10. **(Currently Amended)** The recording apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein:  
wherein the content obtainment unit includes a plurality of input channel units, each corresponding to a type of data to be obtained, and obtained;  
the recording apparatus further comprises a the recording method selection unit further selects copyright protection method selection unit operable to select said the one recording copyright protection method out of the plurality of copyright protection recording methods according to which one of the plurality of the input channel units that has obtained the content content; and  
the recording unit records the content according to the copyright protection method selected by the copyright protection method selection unit.

11. **(Currently Amended)** The recording apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein:  
wherein the recording unit records a second content by a second copyright protection recording method on the recording medium while retaining a first content, when and the first content is recorded on the recording medium by a first copyright protection recording method;  
the second content is the same as the first content, and the second copyright protection method is different from the first copyright protection method; and  
the second copyright protection method is a copyright protection method having a

security level corresponding to the image quality of the content from the plurality of copyright protection methods compliant with the type of the recording medium identified by the recording medium type identification unit.

12. **(Currently Amended)** The recording apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein:  
wherein a first content is recorded onto the recording medium by a first copyright  
protectionrecording method, and method;

the recording apparatus further records the first content by a second copyright  
protectionrecording method onto the recording medium after reading out the first content from  
the recording ~~medium~~medium; and

the second copyright protection method is a copyright protection method of a security  
level corresponding to the image quality of the content from the plurality of copyright protection  
methods complaint with the type of the recording medium identified by the recording medium  
type identification unit.

13. **(Currently Amended)** The recording apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising a  
wherein the recording method selection unit selects copyright protection method selection  
unit operable to select at least two or more copyright protectionrecording methods out-  
offrom the plurality of copyright protectionrecording methods, and wherein  
the recording unit records the content onto the recording medium according to the  
selected at least two or more copyright protectionrecording methods.

14. **(Currently Amended)** The recording apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein:  
wherein the content obtainment unit encrypts the obtained content according to the one  
of the plurality of copyright protection methods, and sends the encrypted obtained content to the  
recording unit via a transmission ~~channel~~channel;  
the recording unit records the encrypted content received via the transmission channel onto  
the recording medium, thereby the recording unit records the content onto the recording medium

according to the one of the plurality of copyright protection methods, and

~~the content obtainment unit encrypts the content according to a recording method adopted by a recording unit that is a destination of the transmission and sends the encrypted content to the recording unit.~~

**15. (Currently Amended)** The recording apparatus according to Claim 14, wherein:

~~wherein the copyright protection~~recording method includes a first copyright protection~~recording method and a second copyright protection~~recording method compliant with the method for protecting a copyright of a content, and content; and

~~the content obtainment unit encrypts the content with a previously held secret key when the recording unit adopts the first copyright protection~~recording method, and encrypts the content with an externally obtained secret key when the recording unit adopts the second copyright protection~~recording method.~~

**16. (Currently Amended)** The recording apparatus according to Claim 14, wherein:

~~wherein the recording method includes~~plurality of copyright protection methods include~~a first copyright protection~~recording method and a second copyright protection~~recording method compliant with the method for protecting a copyright of a content, and content; and~~

~~the content obtainment unit reencrypts the content into an encrypted content corresponding to the second copyright protection~~recording method and sends the reencrypted content to the recording unit when the obtained content is an encrypted content corresponding to the first copyright protection~~recording method.~~

**17-22. (Cancelled)**

**23. (Currently Amended)** A recording method for recording a content which is a digital copyrighted work onto a recording medium, comprising:

~~a content obtainment step of obtaining a content provided externally;~~

~~a content type identification step of identifying a type of an image quality of the obtained content;~~

~~a recording medium type identification step of identifying a type of the recording medium;-~~

~~—— a recording method selection step of selecting at least one recording method out of a plurality of recording methods based on the type of the content identified in the content type identification step and the type of the recording medium identified in the recording medium type identification step; and~~

~~a recording step of recording the content onto the recording medium according to the selected recording one of a plurality of copyright protection method-methods, wherein each of the plurality of copyright methods protects a content using at least one of an encryption and a signature, and has a different security level, and~~

~~wherein the security level of each of the plurality of copyright protection methods and the image quality of the content are associated with each other such that a higher security level is associated with a higher image quality of the content, and~~

~~when the type of the recording medium identified by said identifying a type of the medium operation is compliant with the plurality of copyright protection methods, in said recording operation the content is recorded on the medium according to one of the plurality of copyright protection methods having a security level corresponding to the image quality of the content identified by a content image quality identification unit, from the plurality of copyright protection methods compliant with the recording medium identified by a recording medium type identification unit.~~

#### **24-25. (Cancelled)**

**26. (Currently Amended)**      A computer-readable recording medium having recorded thereon a program for a recording method for recording that records a content which is a digital copyrighted work on a recording medium, comprising the program causing a computer to execute

at least the following:

~~a content obtainment step of obtaining a content provided externally;~~  
~~a content type identification step of identifying a type~~an image quality of the obtained content;

~~a recording medium type identification step of identifying a type of the recording medium;~~

~~a recording method selection step of selecting at least one recording method out of a plurality of recording methods based on the type of the content identified by the content type identification step and the type of the recording medium identified by the recording medium type identification step; and~~

~~a recording step of recording the content on the recording medium according to one of a plurality of the selected recording~~copyright protection method methods, wherein each of the copyright protection methods protects a content using at least one of an encryption and a signature and has a different security level, and

wherein the security level of each of the plurality of copyright protection methods and the image quality of the content are associated with each other such that a higher security level is associated with a higher image quality of the content, and

when the type of the recording medium identified by said identifying a type of the recording medium operation is compliant with the plurality of copyright protection methods, in said recording operation, the content is recorded on the recording medium according to one of the plurality of copyright protection methods having a security level corresponding to the image quality of the content identified by a content image quality identification unit, from the plurality of copyright protection methods compliant with the recording medium identified by a recording medium type identification unit.